

30th Cambridge River Festival: Sat., June 13, Noon-6pm

Inspire: Theater Stage Schedule and Biographies

Corporal Burns Park (Just off of Memorial Drive on Flagg Street)

Performers selected by Beyond the 4th Wall

Hosted by Lace Campbell, Artistic Director of Beyond the 4th Wall

Megan Atkinson Improv

Noon-12:25pm

Recently moved here from Atlanta, Georgia, Megan has found a new home with Boston Actors Theater. Previously, she toured with The Hampstead Stage Company and performed with the Barter Theater in Virginia. Her credits include *Hamlet*, *Oliver!*, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, *Jamestowne: A Likely Story*, *Billy, Goat, Gruff: The Musical*, and *The Christmas Tree*. Today's performance is entitled, *All the World is Really a Stage*.

Beyond the 4th Wall Expression Theatre

12:30-12:55pm

Dedicated to bringing out the natural creativity in everyone, Beyond the 4th Wall offers art classes for all ages, theater workshops, children's productions, and art and theater summer camps. The company received a Cambridge Arts Council Grant this year for their musical theater program, which offers training in acting, dance, and singing to children in grades 3-8, culminating in a fully produced musical to be performed for the Cambridge community. They will perform excerpts from *Music Man* and *Fiddler on the Roof* at today's festival.

North Cambridge Family Opera

1-1:25pm

This ten-year-old opera company consists of both adults and children and encourages family participation. Truly allowing everybody to have a role, solos in a variety of levels of sophistication and difficulty are offered to adults and children as well as the opportunity to sing along in the chorus. North Cambridge Family Opera is a past Cambridge Arts Council Grant recipient. They will perform excerpts from *Weaver's Wedding* and *Naturally Selected: a Darwin Bicentennial Revue*.

Cambridge Rindge and Latin Modern Dance Company

1:30-1:55pm

Led by Brenda Divelbliss and Mila Thigpen, the CRLS Dance Program offers classes focusing on technique and dance making for beginning to advanced dancers. Students can also join the CRLS Dance Company, where they rehearse after school to learn a stylistically broad range of modern dance works by students, faculty and professional guest artists.

Mosaic

2-2:25pm

Mosaic specializes in sketch comedy and performance art with an emphasis on unconventional social satire, political humor, and personal confession.

Metro Stage Company

2:30-2:55pm

Currently in its fifth season, the Metro Stage Company strives to produce quality and value entertainment for all citizens, while also raising awareness and funds for local charities that benefit New England and Massachusetts citizens. Its community outreach program brings high-quality theater to those experiencing critical health issues, deaf and blind communities, the elderly, and other underserved populations in the area, and helps to raise awareness and funds to support charitable organizations. Today's performance will be excerpts from *Working*, a new musical.

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Central Square Theater

3-3:25pm

A unique collaboration between two non-profits, The Nora Theatre Company and the Underground Railway Theater, the Central Square Theater is the first permanent home for the two companies which have a combined track record of more than 50 years. Central Square Theater received a Cambridge Arts Council Grant this year to launch "Building Community Connections," a new initiative to reach out to the community to build bridges between diverse populations through theater, education and social dialogue. Through June 21, check out their current production of *On the Verge, or the Geography of Yearning*. Today's performance features highlights from their upcoming productions.

ImprovBoston

3:30-3:55pm

Since 1982, ImprovBoston has entertained audiences in New England and around the country with an innovative, fresh approach to improvisational theater, showcasing the best performers working today and training the future stars of tomorrow. With critically acclaimed and ground-breaking productions and a nationally known education program, ImprovBoston is a recognized center for the development, performance, and promotion of the evolving art of improvisation. ImprovBoston is a 2009 Cambridge Arts Council Grant recipient. Enjoy interactive theatrical games during today's performance!

ANIKAI Dance/Wendy Jehlen

4-4:25pm

Wendy Jehlen is a contemporary dancer/choreographer, whose unique approach to movement incorporates elements of a wide range of dance and movement styles. Jehlen has studied forms of Bharata Natyam, Odissi, Kuchipudi, Butoh, Capoeira, West African dance and, a wide-range of modern and contemporary dance styles, which she has continued to study across the globe. Jehlen also collaborates with deaf performers and poets, and uses the language and aesthetics of American Sign Language poetry in her choreography. She has also performed to popular acclaim at the Cambridge Arts Council's *Summer in the City*, a free, family performance series in parks and open spaces. Today's performance features excerpts from *He Who Burns*.

Mill 6 Theatre

4:30-4:55pm

The Mill 6 Collaborative was founded in 1998 to find plays and playwrights they love and bring them to a wider audience. Productions range from local premieres of fantastic works to commissioned new plays by area playwrights. Today, they perform *My Name is Leslie*, a comedy by Larry Blamire.

Behind the Mask Theatre

5-5:25pm

Performing widely in the Boston area, Behind the Mask Theatre is a favorite of the Cambridge Arts Council's *Summer in the City*, a free, family performance series in parks and open spaces. Today's performance is "Cat Mountain," based on a Japanese folktale. Sho, a servant girl journeys to a strange and far-off mountain where she hopes to find her freedom and her lost cat. The people she meets on the way all tell her, no one has ever returned from Cat Mountain! The performance incorporates puppetry, dance, and Japanese theater styles.

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Prize Drawings

Win t-shirts, candy, and tickets to some of the best local theater!

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